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# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Homecoming Parade Participation Urged

With an October 1 Homecoming game seemingly just around the corner, Jason Kahler, Student Government advisor at Romulus High School, is urging community members to begin making plans for participation in the annual Homecoming Parade that traditionally precedes the game.

The parade will depart from Romulus City Hall's parking lot (corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 5 p.m., and will follow its usual route (Bibbins to Gabriel to Goddard to Neville to Ozga to Wick) to end up at Romulus Middle School's athletic field in time for the 7 p.m. game against Edsel Ford High School.

Parade participants must obey the following rules:

- Objects (candy, fliers, etc.) may not be thrown to the crowd along the parade route.
- Political advertising or distribution of political literature is absolutely prohibited.
- Any group planning to use animals must provide a cleanup detail to follow the group.
- Each group or unit must provide its own banner or sign stating its name.
- Groups/units cannot participate in the parade unless they have been preregistered/approved by the committee.

A parade application form may be found on page 13 of this issue. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 24.

Other details about the Homecoming celebration – including the selection process for King/Queen and Prince/Princess – will not be announced until the week prior to the game, Kahler said.

In order to qualify as a candidate for Homecoming King/Queen (senior class) or Prince/Princess (freshman, sophomore, and junior classes), a student must have a grade point average of 2.0 or better, and must have no outstanding fines.

Watch for further details in our September 24 issue. □

## Pumpkin Festival Kicks Off Autumn

The 8th Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival – to be held in the downtown area along Goddard Road between Hunt Street and Five Points – will run from September 17–19.

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On Friday, the festival will kick off with the sixth annual "Parade of Lights" – a shimmering spectacle that will depart from the City Hall parking lot (corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 8 p.m., then wind down Goddard to Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga). Last year's parade was an enormous success enjoyed by thousands of onlookers, and this year's event promises to be bigger and brighter than ever!

Stephen Weatherholt – secretary of the Romulus Rotary Club, which sponsors the parade – reports that prizes will be awarded to the best entry in each of three categories: people- and/or animal-powered, motorized, and commercial. Winners will be announced at Progressive Hall following the parade.

For more information, please visit [www.romulusrotary.org](http://www.romulusrotary.org).

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The remainder of the weekend will feature entertainment, games, contests, hayrides, craft exhibits, and other street-fair attractions – and, of course, pumpkins. You won't want to miss a minute of fabulous, family-oriented fun!

The following is a tentative schedule of events for the Romulus Pumpkin Festival. For further details, including contest rules and a copy of the City's "special events" ordinance, pick up a festival booklet at Romulus City Hall or the Recreation/Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus.

### Bingo Benefits New Animal Shelter

Following its highly successful debut one year ago, the Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter's 50/50 Bingo! Benefit is back again to raise money for the construction of a new facility for our favorite furry friends. The benefit will be held at the old DPW building (located at 36415 Bibbins next to the Recreation/Senior Center in downtown Romulus) on Friday and Saturday from 1 to 11 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m.

City Councilman Bill Wadsworth is asking local animal lovers to volunteer their help for the event. Contact him at 734-941-0616.

### "American Idol" Contest

Also back by popular demand is the Romulus American Idols contest.



Even the pumpkins will be all smiles at the City's fabulously fun fall festival, set for September 17–19. (See page 5 for a clip-out schedule.)

See the city's brightest stars shine when three finalists (selected during an earlier audition) from each of the contest's three age categories (junior, teen, and adult) will vie for a first-place trophy and cash prize as well as the coveted "Romulus American Idol" title. (stage area; Sat., 6:30 p.m.)

### Historical Highlights

The City of Romulus, the Romulus Historical Commission, and the Romulus Historical Society will co-sponsor the following free events in Historic Park (Hunt street south of the post office):

- "Civil War Living History" featuring Bledsoe's Battery (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- Museum exhibition: Civil War diaries (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- music featuring Shirley Franklin Delta Drive (Sat., 1 to 5 p.m.)
- Early American craft demonstration (Sat. and Sun., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- tours of historic Samuel Kingsley house (Sat. and Sun., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- "Civil War Living History" featuring the 17th Michigan Regiment (Sun., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- Museum exhibition: artifacts from historic Peter C. Bird house (Sun., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- dulcimer/guitar music performed by the Golden Griffon Stringtet (Sun., 1 to 4 p.m.)

### Contests

All entries must be brought to the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) by 4 p.m. Friday. Winners will be announced at the Hospitality Tent on Saturday at 4 p.m. For more information, call 734-942-6852.

- Canning
- Pie Baking
- Pumpkin Growing
- Sunflower Growing

### Competitions (Goddard and Olive)

- Hay Rolling (Sat., 12 p.m.)
- Pumpkin Rolling (Sat., 1 p.m.)

- Sack Races (Sat., 2 p.m.)
- Pie Eating (Sun., 1 p.m.)
- Marshmallow Races (Sun., 2 p.m.)

### Musical Entertainment

- "Pre Science Illusion" – Mayor Alan Lambert's band (Fri., 7 p.m.)
- "Trilogy" (Fri., 8 to 11 p.m.)
- "Second Wind" (Sat., 1 p.m.)
- "Groove: Essential" (Sat., 4:30 p.m.)
- "Channel 6" (Sat., 8:30 p.m.)
- "Something Blue" (Sun., 12 p.m.)
- "Waco" (Sun., 2 p.m.)
- "Straight Ahead" (Sun., 4 p.m.)

### Other Attractions

- "Cruisin'" Car Show – benefits the Romulus Animal Shelter (Goddard and Hunt; Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Craft Sale (Romulus Senior Center, 36515 Bibbins; Sat. and Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Romulus Library's Used-book Sale (Goddard and Olive; Sat., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sun., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Rollerblade Hockey Tournament – sponsored by Romulus Wesleyan Church (Five Points; Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; call 734-941-1511 for info)
- 3-on-3 Basketball for ages 6 to 18 – sponsored by the MEN of PEN (Goddard near Romaine; Sat., 10 a.m.; call 734-728-1390 for info)

### Fabulous Food

- Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – featuring delicious pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and steaming hot coffee (Recreation Center, 36515 Bibbins; Sat., 7 to 11 a.m.)
- B-B-Q Chicken Dinner – half a split chicken, green beans, potato salad, roll, dessert, and beverages for \$8.50; get tickets in advance (734-941-3044 or 734-718-3137) or at the door while supplies last (Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga; Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner (Methodist Church, Olive and Bibbins; Sat., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.) □



## Letter to the Editor

### PEN Focus: Youth Tobacco Prevention

To the Romulus community:

The PEN Enrichment Community Center's Summer Youth Tobacco Prevention Program has been completed. The goals of this program were: to work with retailers in the community to reduce the number of them selling tobacco products to youth under the age of 18; to encourage youth not to start smoking; and to educate adults to the law.

During this summer, our teenagers conducted compliance checks at various retailers throughout the city of Romulus. Our initial compliance checks conducted in June showed that 12 out of the 28 stores checked would have sold cigarettes to our youth. That was an unacceptable rate of 42%. However, during our final checks conducted in August, all of the 12 stores that originally failed our compliance checks passed when they didn't sell cigarettes to our youth.

We owe the success of our program to the dedication of our youth and the willingness of the local retailers to take heed of the Youth Tobacco Act information that we shared with them after they didn't pass the initial compliance checks. Many of them retrained their employees to make sure all of them were following the law and checking IDs when needed. Many of the community members also helped out as they became more aware of the effects of tobacco on our youth and assisted us in spreading the message of prevention.

The stores that passed the compliance checks were recognized with a

certificate of appreciation. The certificate has a yellow star on it. Please join us in recognizing those establishments that followed the law and are concerned about the health of our children. When you see one of the stars, please offer a word of thanks to the store manager for not selling tobacco to our youth.

We feel that this summer was a good start to preventing our children from becoming addicted to cigarettes and suffering a lifetime of health problems. We are soliciting your help in getting the word out to our youth that using tobacco is a bad decision. Each day in the US, over 4,000 kids under 18 years of age try smoking, and another 2,000 kids become new daily smokers. We at The PEN can't reach all of the children of Romulus and our neighboring communities, but if we join forces to educate the children, parents, and community about the deadly effects of smoking cigarettes, we will help more children make the right decision when it comes to smoking.

If you would like to partner with us on our youth tobacco initiative, please call us at 734-728-1390. Or, if you have an existing program that is working, please share it with us. We are always looking for new ideas to help us reach the children of Romulus and surrounding areas to prevent them from smoking.

Sincerely,  
Gina C. Wilson  
Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Sr.  
program co-chairs □

### 3 from RHS Play for Detroit All-Stars



Romulus High School students (from left) Eric Behnke, William Williams, and Philip Roscoe played for the Detroit All-Stars at the Major League RBI World Series this summer. Behnke featured his knuckleball pitches and Williams his infield skills, while Roscoe was the team's starting catcher. Major League Baseball put up teams from around the nation for six days and treated players and their parents to a gala banquet at the Renaissance Center. Participants in this year's tournament included LA, Chicago, Fort Worth, Miami, Philadelphia, and Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic).

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## New Discipline Policy To Be Implemented at RHS, RMS



Romulus High School staff members – including (from left) LaToya Shakelford (counselor), Chuck Hughes (behavioral specialist), Don Foley (assistant principal), Linda Poirier (foreign-language teacher), Rhonda McAllister (social worker), and Doug Hoffman (assistant principal) – made final preparations for the new "Responsibility System" discipline program being implemented at RHS.

Dan Hurst, principal at Romulus High School, reports that a new discipline policy, called the Responsibility System, will be introduced at Romulus High School this fall. The goal of the system will be "to make students responsible for their actions" and "to make them take ownership of their actions."

"The focus of this program will be on the minor classroom infractions that students might make, such as talking, not being on task, and/or disturbing others," he explained.

Hurst added that the current "zero tolerance" policy for serious offenses – including swearing, fighting, carrying a weapon, etc. – would remain in place.

Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools, provided details about the program.

"Under the new Responsibility System, a student will initially be given the opportunity to correct his/her behavior," said Kruse. "If this does not occur, he/she will be asked to reflect and develop a behavioral plan that corrects the inappropriate behavior(s). If no acceptable behavior plan is created, or if a student does not follow his/her behavior plan,

the student will be removed from the class and will report to the Student Planning Room.

"The student will be absent from class until a behavioral plan that is acceptable to the classroom teacher is developed," Kruse continued. "A staff member who has been trained to facilitate this process will be available to assist the student while he/she writes out the behavior plan. Parents, counselors, and the school social workers will also be available for assistance."

Further inappropriate behavior would result in suspension from school, said Kruse. Home planning would then require the parent/guardian and the student to complete an acceptable behavior plan.

"Upon return to school, the student must meet with an assistant principal and receive plan approval from the SPR facilitator and classroom teacher before returning to class," said Kruse.

RHS assistant principal Doug Hoffman explained that the Responsibility System is part of the district's North Central Association School Improvement Program.

"We have been receiving in-service training this year on how to make this system work effectively, and I believe that our students will accept their responsibilities and act appropriately throughout their academic careers at RHS," he noted.

A school-wide survey last year showed that a majority of RHS students favored a discipline policy that would be more student-interactive. Students also indicated that a reduction in classroom disruptions would help them stay on task and concentrate on their studies.

Principal Hurst and a team of administrators and teachers made a presentation about the Responsibility System to the Romulus Board of Education at the Board's August 23 meeting.

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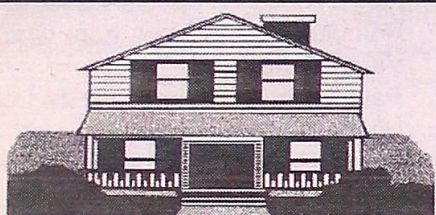
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#### ON STAGE - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

7:00 p.m. "Pre Science Illusion" (Mayor Lambert's band)  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. "Trilogy" (Top 40)

#### ON STAGE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

1:00 p.m. "Second Wind"  
3:00 p.m. Choi Kwang-Do Demo Team  
4:30 p.m. "Groove: Essential" (Old-school Funk)  
6:30 p.m. "Romulus American Idols" performance  
8:30 p.m. "Channel Six" (Top 40)

#### ON STAGE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

12:00 p.m. "Something Blue" (Jazz)  
2:00 p.m. "Waco" (Country & Western)  
4:00 p.m. "Straight Ahead" (Jazz)

#### EVENTS - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

1:00 - 11:00 p.m. Bingo at Old DPW (Shook and Bibbins)  
4:00 p.m. Contest Judging (Canning, Pie-baking,  
Pumpkin-growing, and Sunflower-growing)  
8:00 p.m. **Parade of Lights** (Goddard - Downtown)

#### EVENTS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

7:00 - 11:00 a.m. Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at the Recreation Center  
(36515 Bibbins)  
10:00 a.m. 3-on-3 Basketball (Goddard near Romaine)  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Craft Show at the Senior Center (36515 Bibbins)  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Used-book Sale - sponsored by the Friends of the  
Romulus Public Library (Goddard near Olive)  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Barbecue Chicken Dinner at Romulus Progressive  
Hall (11580 Ozga; 734-941-3044)  
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Cruisin'" Car Show (Goddard and Hunt)  
12:00 p.m. Hay Bale-rolling Contests (Olive and Goddard)  
12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Demonstrations and Celebrations at Historic Park  
(Hunt south of the post office)  
1:00 p.m. Pumpkin-rolling Contests (Olive and Goddard)  
1:00 - 11:00 p.m. Bingo at Old DPW (Shook and Bibbins)  
2:00 p.m. Sack Races (Olive and Goddard)  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner at Community  
United Methodist Church (Olive and Bibbins)

#### EVENTS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Craft Show at the Senior Center (36515 Bibbins)  
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Used-book Sale - sponsored by the Friends of the  
Romulus Public Library (Goddard and Hunt)  
12:00 p.m. Wooden Airplane Races (Olive and Goddard)  
1:00 p.m. Pie-eating Contests (Olive and Goddard)  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Demonstrations and Celebrations at Historic Park  
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## Romulus Community Schools Officials Greet New Teachers



Board of Education President Cheryle Buckley (front, left), Trustee Betty Lenossi (front, right), and Trustee Niema White (back, left) greeted new teachers (from left) Julie Wadsworth, Jenny Sayer, Connie Garza-Beyer, and Tim Jager at a recent orientation program.



Board Treasurer Ken Mientkiewicz (left) and Secretary Celeste Roscoe (second from left) welcomed the district's new teachers, including: (from left) front – Alana Roach and Alexia Mancilla; back – Brian Wietfeld, Maria Alvarez, and Paul Polanski.

Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources for the Romulus Community Schools, welcomed nine new teachers during a recent orientation session. The program imparted information about the district's curriculum, technology program, and business office, and concluded with a tour of various Romulus Community Schools facilities.

The teachers also watched a video about the district's award-winning student-parent-school compact that resulted in 1,500 parents donating over 9,500

hours of volunteer work to their children's schools last year.

During the course of the program, Clark introduced superintendent Joel R. Carr, who had an additional warm welcome for the newcomers.

"We know you are outstanding teachers because you came to us through a comprehensive and competitive selection process," he said.

Board of Education president Cheryle Buckley, treasurer Ken Mientkiewicz, secretary Celeste Roscoe, and trustees

Niema White and Betty Lenossi joined the new teachers for lunch and also extended a warm welcome to the new staff members.

The new staff members that have been hired by the district include:

- Maria Alvarez (special education, Romulus Middle School; from Eastern Michigan University),
- Connie Garza-Beyer (fifth grade, Cory; from EMU),
- Tim Jager (physical education, Community High School; from EMU),

- Alexia Mancilla (special education, Romulus High School; from Grand Valley State),
- Paul Polanski (science, RHS; from University of Michigan),
- Alana Roach (special education, RMS; from EMU),
- Jenny Sayer (language arts, CHS; from Western Michigan University),
- Julie Wadsworth (sixth grade, Barth; from EMU), and
- Brian Wietfeld (computers, RMS; from EMU). □

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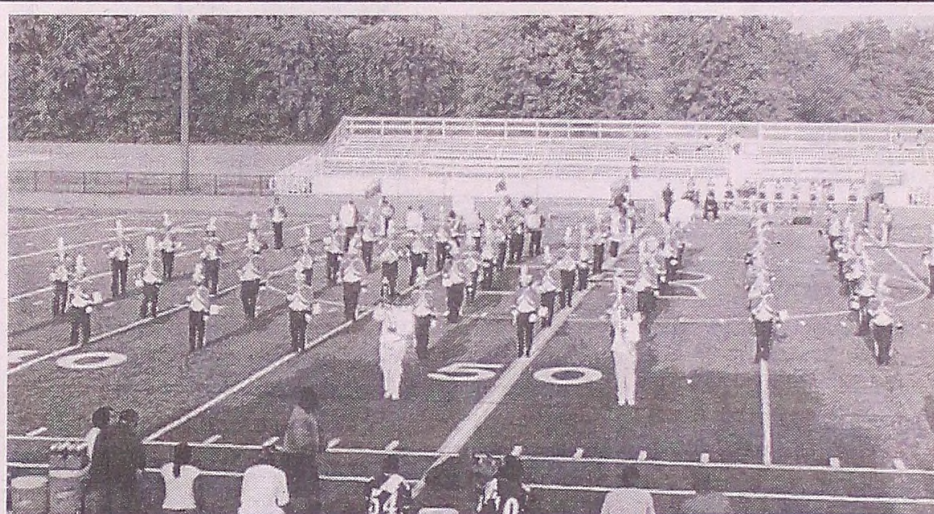
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# Ready for Football?



The RHS Eagles varsity football team welcomed the student body and community to its first home game – against River Rouge – on August 27.



The 70-member Eagles Marching Band was in midseason form for the pregame and halftime shows.

## Young RHS Program Shows Promise

Despite an 0–2 start for Romulus High School's varsity football team, head coach Wade Cook sees good things in the Eagles' immediate future.

"I think we should do well in our league this year," said Wade. "In fact, our goal is to become Mega League champion."

Although Cook describes the Eagles as "fairly young" and "trying to rebuild," he has several seniors who are providing strong leadership for their younger teammates.

These leaders include:

- Ahmaad Gambles (quarterback),
- Anthony Price (wide receiver/defensive back),
- Terrence McKay (wide receiver/defensive back), and
- James Kendrick (running back).

District spokesperson Dick Kruse urges community members to attend games and show their support.

"Our cheerleaders and marching band are doing a marvelous job of inspiring the players' spirit, but nothing is as effective as stands filled with friendly faces rooting for the home team."

The Eagles home schedule\* for the remainder of the season is as follows:

- Garden City at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 17, 7 p.m.)
- HOMECOMING
- Edsel Ford (Dearborn) at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 1, 7 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 8, 7 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 22, 7 p.m.).

\*Schedule is subject to change. □



The tuba section – (from left) LaJoya Rush, Glenn Troupe, Alan Huguley, and Marwin Boyd – supplied plenty of bass sound.



Leading the crowd in a show of spirit were the RHS cheerleaders: (from left) front – Carolyn Moore, Danielle Butler, Ebony Coleman, and Lucretia Johnson; back – Jessica Shelton, Brytni White, Monique Solomon, Vanessa Malloy, Ashlee Wells, and Brittany Howard.



Also featured were members of the Marching Eagles Color Guard – (from left) Jessica Hudgens, LaTara Steele, Erica Pace, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, and Shamara Hill-Harris – who performed two new routines for the show.



# Employees Honored for Reaching Service Milestones



Superintendent Joel R. Carr (left), Board of Education president Cheryle Buckley (right), treasurer Ken Mientkiewicz (second from right), and trustee Niema White (second from left) congratulated (from left) Diane Golka, Sharon Silveri, Bill Barnes, and Chris Powers on 35 years of service to the Romulus Community Schools.

A total of 46 Romulus Community Schools employees were acknowledged for reaching service milestones during the district's annual welcome-back program, held at Romulus High School on August 30.

The program began in the High School atrium with a continental breakfast that gave everyone a chance to renew acquaintances and share summer news.

Later, in the auditorium, superintendent Joel R. Carr welcomed the employees' return for another school year, and noted the challenges that will be posed by the State's tight education budget and the increasing requirements of the No Child Left Behind laws.

"We will all need to work together to continue to provide the very best educational opportunities for the children of Romulus," he said.

Carr was then joined by Edward Clark, director of human resources, in presenting award certificates recognizing employees for service milestones of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years. Assisting with the presentations were Board of Education president Cheryle Buckley, treasurer Ken Mientkiewicz, and trustee Niema White.

Employees included:

## 10 Years of Service

Nancy Daniels, Gale Henry, Kathy Hurst, Pamela Kuderik, Patrick Malloy, Kim Meyer, and Karen Zilka.

## 15 Years of Service

Ronald Koester, Pat Locklear, and Sandra Tenney.

## 20 Years of Service

Theresa Blizman, Nellie Chadwick, Valerie Cofield, Carol Harriff, Matthew McGrane, Linda Poirier, Rosa Russenberger, Mary Slawinski, Morris Smith, Paula Smith, and Lorraine Wilkerson.

## 25 Years of Service

Carole Bales, Aivoid Blackman, Thomas Dolan, Mark Fernandez, Alberta Garrett, Donald Kobane, Mary Mahon, Sandra Slater, Deborah Street, Gloria Tipton, Mary Treder, Jean Voight, and Joyce Weber.

## 30 Years of Service

Patricia Adams, Wendy Blohm, Carol Gursky, Shirley Lamberson, Bill Musham, and Marge Olson.

## 35 Years of Service

Bill Barnes, Cherryl Brackney, Diane Golka, Charles Kidwell, Christine Powers, and Sharon Silveri.

For photos of the welcome-back breakfast, see page 9 opposite. □



The 10- and 20-year honorees included: (from left) front – Mary Slawinski, Nellie Chadwick, Rosa Russenberger, and Lorraine Wilkerson; back – Paula Smith, Theresa Blizman, Nancy Daniels, Carol Harriff, Linda Poirier, and Matthew McGrane.



Those honored for 25 years of service to the district included: (from left) front – Sandra Slater, Alberta Garrett, Deborah Street, Gloria Tipton, and Donald Kobane; back – Thomas Dolan, Mark Fernandez, Jean Voight, and Carole Bales.



Employees recognized for 30 years of service to the school district included (from left) Marge Olson, Wendy Blohm, Shirley Lamberson, and Bill Musham.

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# Welcome Back!



Romulus Board of Education president Cheryle Buckley (second from left) greeted returning staff members – including (from left) Rhonda McAllister-Henry, Deborah Street, and Chris Powers – at the district's annual Welcome Back program, held August 30 at Romulus High School.



Also invited to the program were the district's new student teachers: (from left) Christina Witt-Dobski (University of Michigan), Lindsey Getting (UM), Julie Bally (Eastern Michigan University), Michael Rader (Western Michigan University), and Jamey Buckner (WMU).



Enjoying the opportunity to catch up on summer news were: (from left) front – Anthony Redmond, Chris Parker, Janice Barden, and Rita Talley; back – Mark Woodson and Mary Slawinski.



(From left) Don Mathaney, Bill Garland, Dale Gotts, Steve Harper, Steve Mientkiewicz, and Leo O'Connor were also among those who were on hand at the breakfast program.



Other attendees included (from left) front – Diane Poet, Tracy Eddings, Judy Frederick, Sharon Lindermuth, JoAnn Prater, and Jenny Prater; back – Connie Nowland, Laura Blankenship, and Nancy Daniels . . .



. . . and (from left) front – Florence Satterlee, Paula Smith, Bonnie Bossidis, Alice Kesner, and Anna Bossidis; back – Rebecca Pek, Robin Frazier, and Joyce Schultz.



## Community Calendar

- **Fish Dinners at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston, will be hosting fish dinners from 5 to 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. (Next dates: September 10 and October 8.) Everyone is welcome!
- **Preschool Story Time** – The Romulus Public Library's next Preschool Story Time program for children ages 3 to 5 begins this month. Parents may choose between evening sessions (7 p.m. on Tuesdays from September 14 through October 19) and morning sessions (10:30 a.m. Thursdays from September 16 through October 21). Although there is no charge for the program, preregistration is required. For more information, call youth services librarian Gurpreet Samra at 734-942-7589.
- **"Women in Red"** – Isom Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will present "Women in Red" – a musical program under the direction of Patty Johnson – at the church (23612 Sumpter Road, Belleville) on Friday, September 17, at 7 p.m. For more information about this or other programs, please call 734-461-2200.
- **RHS Class of 1954 Holds 50th Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of '54 will host its 50th reunion on Friday, September 17, and Saturday, September 18. Class members who have not yet received an invitation are urged to call Gloria (Koester) Chandler at 734-941-2678.
- **"Get Healthy" Family Fun Run** – Get an early, healthy start on Pumpkin Festival activities by taking part in the "Get Healthy" Family Fun Run, set for Saturday, September 18, at the Romulus Middle School track. Registration (8 to 8:30 a.m.) and a group stretch (8:15 to 8:30 a.m.) will be followed by the run/walk-at-your-own-pace event, set for 8:30 to 10 a.m. An entry fee of \$5 per participant/\$15 per family (cash only) includes a T-shirt and goody bag with pedometer. All proceeds will support the Healthy Living Advisory Committee and PEN Enrichment Community Center, organizations that are working to address childhood obesity. For more information, call the Romulus Recreation Department: 734-942-6852.
- **Used Book Sale** – The Friends of the Romulus Public Library will host their annual Pumpkin Festival Used-book Sale on Saturday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, September 19, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hard covers will be \$1 each; paperbacks, \$.50; and children's books, \$.25. Biggest bargains will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, when shoppers can purchase a bagful of books for just \$2. Donations of books in good condition are welcome. Call 734-942-7589 for more information.
- **Blood Drive** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston, will host a blood drive at the church on Monday, September 20, from 2 to 8 p.m. Both walk-ins and appointments (734-753-9048) are welcome.
- **Sumpter Seniors Host Candidate Forum** – The Sumpter Township Senior Citizens are holding a Candidates Forum at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 27, in the Sumpter Township Community Center gymnasium. According to volunteer Susette Doyle, who has been helping to publicize the event, all candidates in the local Sumpter/Wayne County area are being invited to participate. The forum will be conducted by noncandidate judges Tina Brooks Green and David M. Parrott of the 34th District Court. Doyle said that both judges have agreed to read questions from the audience to the candidates, and have reserved the right to omit any questions that may appear inflammatory, unfair, or otherwise inappropriate to maintain a level playing field. Refreshments will be provided by the Sumpter Senior Citizens. For more information, call 734-740-6810.
- **Church of God Announces Service Times** – Romulus Church of God (located at 8770 South Wayne Road) invites the public to attend their weekly services (Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7 p.m.) as well as their children's programs: Kids for Christ (Sundays at 10:30 a.m.) and Kids Praise (Saturdays from 12 to 2 p.m.). Call 734-729-7243 for info.
- **Nursery Program Has Openings** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery – a nonprofit organization located in St. Paul's Church (corner of Craig and Ellis in New Boston) – is accepting enrollment for its three-/four-year-old classes for the 2004–2005 school year. Call Lynn Emery at 734-782-0876.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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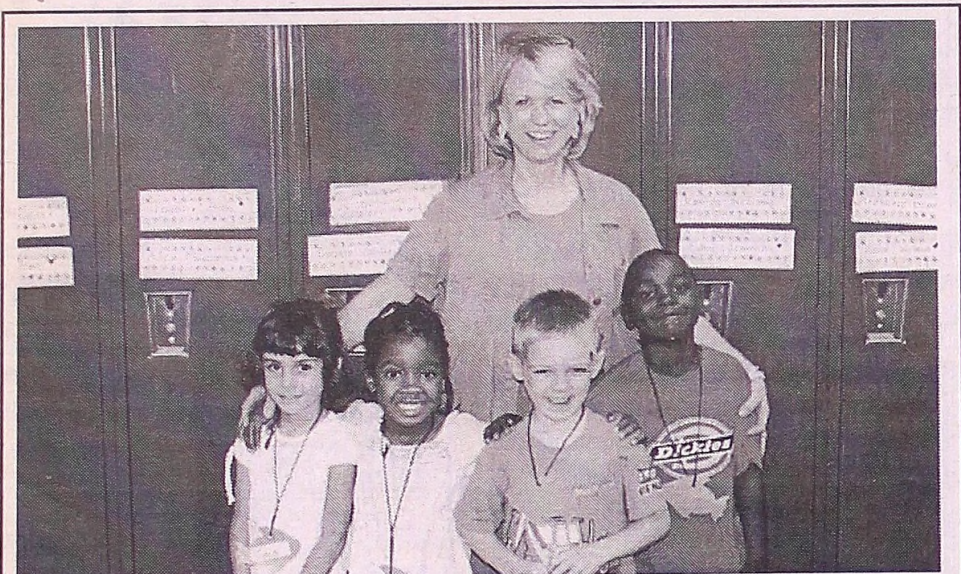
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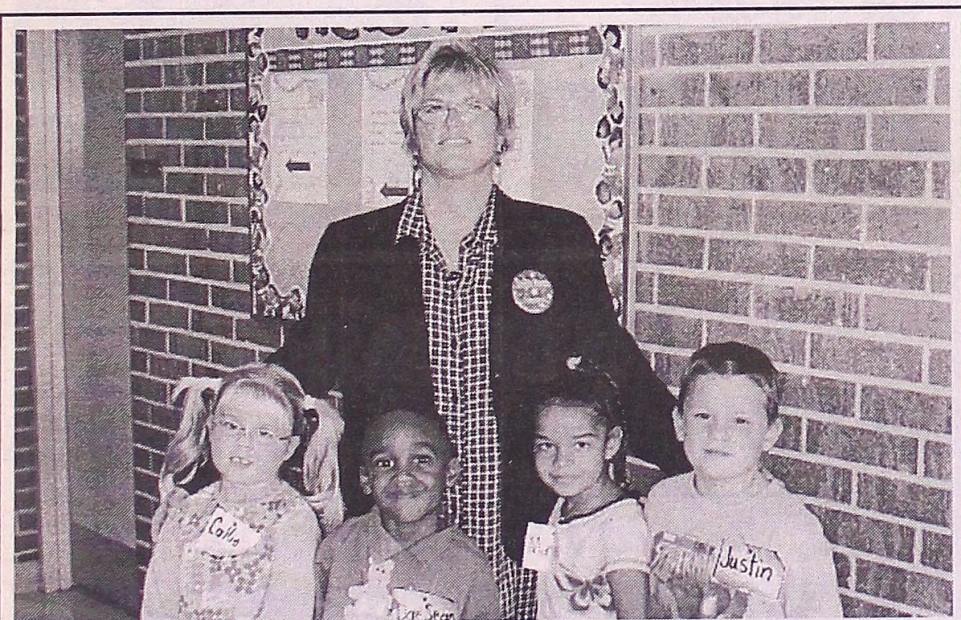
# First Day of School



Kindergartners greeted by Romulus Elementary principal Lynne Mossoian (back) on the first day of school included (from left) Jade Velez, Cheyenne Harris, Jacob Davis, and Roderick Gillison.



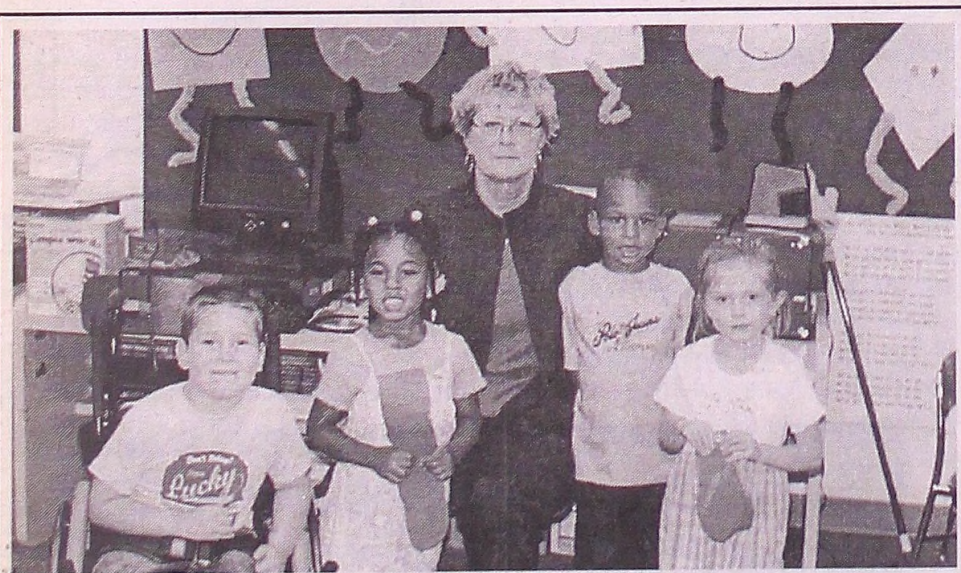
Wick principal Debbie Juriga (back) started off the new school year by welcoming new kindergartners like (from left) Samantha Eddings, Jackson Doyle, Syriana Jones, and Corbin Jones.



Welcoming new kindergarten students – including (front; from left) Callie Hale, Daesean Harbin, Miryea Sturdivant, and Justin Droulliard – was Merriman Elementary principal Shellie Moore (back).



Attending principal Sharon Silveri's orientation at Halecreek were: (from left) front – Hailey Green, Avery Elsner, and Preston Elsner; back – Rochelle Germann, Sarah Coppens, Giovanna Hamilton, and Jenna Vail.



Principal Diane Golka (back) greeted Barth Elementary School's new kindergartners, including (from left) Ricky Covert, Sarah Hixon, Jaeden Butler, and Makayla Dunn.



Among the new kindergartners welcomed by Cory Elementary principal Phyllis Adkins (back) were (from left) Gabrielle Dancy, Damon Davis, and Mariah Lawson.



## Library's Summer Reading Programs Draw to a Close



Local children who took part in the Romulus Public Library's summer reading programs were treated to a vacation full of music and magic, bikes and books.

By Gurpreet Samra, youth services librarian for the Romulus Public Library

The Romulus Public Library wishes to thank all the young people (and their parents) who participated in the Summer Reading Program. A total of 112 children from Romulus, Huron Township, New Boston, and surrounding areas participated and read for 77,117 minutes during the 6-week program.

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored annually by the Friends of the Romulus Public Library, the Romulus Rotary, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, and the Huron Rotary. It is designed to encourage children to read for pleasure and explore all the resources available at the library. The children and parents enjoyed weekly entertainment, and also learned about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, bike and helmet safety, reptiles, and farm animals. The reptile program was a favorite of the young children. Michael Brophy brought his reptiles into the library and explained the important roles that reptiles play in the environment, as well as how to care for reptiles as pets.

Forty-two children read (or were read to) 15 hours or more this summer. Donovan Moomaw of Romulus read the most: a total of 72 hours and 55 minutes. Other readers were Madison Alexander, Derek Bacic, Ian Bacic, Brian Barron, Alexander Brosseau, Nicholas Brosseau, Cameron Buck, Andrew Burcroff, Emily Burcroff, Paul Burcroff, Alexandra Dwyer, Danielle Dwyer, Jessica Fenner, Joseph Forbush, Jason Ford, Stanley Gadille II, Amya Gray, Aaron Hayse, Andrew Hayse, David Hayse, Laura Hayse, Sarah Hayse, Noah Jones, Caitlyn Kalinovik, Emily Kalinovik, Tommy McKinney, Dylaney Miller, Mathew Moo-

maw, Rachel Pidgeon, Conrad Russell, Cody Salajan, Kyle Salajan, Shanya Sturdivant, Drew Summitt, Jeremy Summitt, Lauren Summitt, Jacob Turek, Jonathan Turek, Jordan Turek, Alex Wayt, and Alyssa Wayt.

On the last day of the program, children received certificates, prizes, and pizza. Drinks and cups were donated by the Wayne Road McDonalds. Some of the prizes that children received were donated from Skateland West, Michigan Friends of Education, and McDonalds. A very special thanks to all the sponsors for their generous support. A very special thank you to each and every student who made this year's program a lot of fun. □

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# Recreation Programs

Our thanks to Herbert Buckley, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kristin Irwin, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column. Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

## Daddy/Daughter Dance

The daddy/daughter dance – an annual favorite – will be held at Romulus High School on Wednesday, October 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A cost of \$8 per couple (plus \$2 for each additional daughter) includes music, dancing, refreshments, and a commemorative photo, as well as a flower for each girl.

The deadline for registration is Monday, October 11, at 5 p.m.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

## Dance Classes

The Romulus Recreation Department's dance program for ages 3 to adult will begin the week of September 13–16 and continue through the week of January 17–20. Classes will be held according to the following schedule:

### Mondays (at Romulus High School)

- ballet (ages 5 to 6): 5 to 5:30 p.m.
- ballet (ages 7 to 9): 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- ballet (ages 10 to 15): 6:15 to 7 p.m.
- dance team: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### Tuesdays (at Romulus High School)

- dance intro (ages 3 to 4): 5 to 5:30 p.m.
- dance intro (ages 3 to 4): 5:30 to 6 p.m.
- African-Haitian (ages 7 to 9): 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- African-Haitian (ages 10 to 18): 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- African-Haitian (adult): 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### Wednesdays (at the Rec Center)

- tap (ages 5 to 6): 5 to 5:30 p.m.
- tap (ages 7 to 9): 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- tap (ages 10 to 15): 6:15 to 7 p.m.
- dance team: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### Thursdays (at Romulus High School)

- dance intro (ages 3 to 4): 5 to 5:30 p.m.
- hip-hop/jazz (ages 5 to 6): 5:30 to 6 p.m.
- ballet (ages 5 to 6): 6 to 6:30 p.m.
- hip-hop/jazz (ages 7 to 9): 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
- hip-hop/jazz (ages 10 to 15): 7:15 to 8 p.m.

Cost per 16-week session is \$70 for 30-minute classes, \$100 for 45-minute classes, and \$100 for adult classes. Register by Friday, September 10.

## Clogging

The Recreation Department's clogging class – open to ages 7 through adult – will meet at Cory Elementary each Monday from September 13 through November 29 according to the following schedule:

- advanced: 6 to 7 p.m.
- intermediate: 7 to 8 p.m.
- beginners: 8 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per person. Register by Friday, September 10.

## Kickboxing/Aerobics

The Recreation Department's fall kickboxing/low-impact aerobics program – open to ages 16 and up – will meet at Cory Elementary from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from September 21 to November 11. Participants should bring their own water and mat/towel to each class.

Cost for the program is \$48 for one class per week or \$79 for two; classes may also be attended on a walk-in basis for \$7 per class. Register by Monday, September 20.

## Youth Gymnastics

The Tumblebunnies gymnastics program is open to boys and girls ages 3 and up. Session I is set for September 20 through November 1; Session II will run from November 8 through December 20. Classes will meet at the Recreation Department each Monday according to the following schedule:

- ages 3 to 4: 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- ages 5 to 7: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ages 8 and up: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per session. Register by Friday, September 17, for Session I; Friday, November 5, for Session II.

## Cheerleading

Learn the fundamentals of cheerleading – with a focus on basic movements and stunts as well as voice drills and "spirit" – in the Recreation Department's cheerleading class, open to students in prekindergarten and elementary grades. Session I will run from September 14 through October 19; Session II is set for October 26 through November 30. Classes will meet at the Rec Center each Tuesday and Friday according to the following schedule:

- grades prekindergarten to 3: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.
- grades 4 to 6: 7 to 8 p.m.

Cost per session is \$40. Register by Monday, September 13, for Session I; Monday, October 25, for Session II.

## Cheer America

Boys and girls ages 4 to 15 are invited to register for Cheer America, a class that focuses on making friends while learning choreographed pom-pom and dance routines as well as the most popular jumps, leaps, and other skills required for school tryouts. The 45-minute classes will be held at Halecreek Elementary at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday from September 16 through January 20 except November 25, December 23, and December 30.

Cost for the program is \$6 per week plus an annual nonrefundable registration fee of \$6. Pom-poms will be available for \$12. Register at Halecreek at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, at the beginning of the first class.

## Quilting

A free drop-in quilting class meets at the Recreation Center every Thursday at 6 p.m. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

## Peewee Basketball

Boys and girls in grades kindergarten through two are invited to sign up for the peewee basketball program, which will be held at Cory Elementary from November 1 through December 20. Practices (Mondays through Thursdays) will be held twice weekly during the first week of the program, and once weekly thereafter. Games will be played on Fridays.

Cost for the program is \$45 for one person, \$85 for two immediate family members, or \$125 for three immediate family members. Cost includes a reversible jersey for each participant. Early registration is strongly urged, since only the first 60 applicants will be accepted. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 26.

## Floor Hockey

Open to students in grades three through six, the after-school floor hockey program will be offered at Barth, Cory, Halecreek, and Romulus elementaries until 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from November 16 through December 16. No transportation will be provided.

A cost of \$20 per child includes a program T-shirt; children with shirts from last year pay just \$10. Register by Friday, November 12.

## Adult Open Basketball

The adult open basketball program – limited to Romulus residents (proper ID required) – meets at Romulus Middle School Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$2 per night. No registration needed.

## Men's Basketball League

The Recreation Department's basketball league for adult men – limited to eight teams – will play at Romulus Middle School beginning at 6 p.m. each Monday from October 18 through December 20. The top team will go on to represent Romulus in the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association's finals.

Cost is \$280 per team. Register by Friday, October 15. □

## RHS HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRY FORM

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Group Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (check more than one, if applicable)

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☐ Baton/Pompon    ☐ Color Guard    ☐ Antique Car    ☐ Vehicle  
☐ Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_

Send entries to Jason Kahler c/o Romulus High School, 9650 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174, or fax to 734-532-1001. Call 734-532-1053 for info.

**Deadline for registration is Friday, September 24.**



## Sassy Seniors



Judges congratulate the winners of the Romulus Tower's annual balcony decorating contest.

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Melissa Morton, property manager for Romulus Tower Apartments, and Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-955-4120.)

### Contest Winners Announced

Romulus Tower manager Melissa Morton had a big thank-you for all the residents who took part in the building's recent balcony decorating contest ... and for the local dignitaries who volunteered to judge the event.

"Dorothy Woldt, Elizabeth Kris, and Alejandrina Nieman did a terrific job of making their balconies look great and helping to beautify Romulus Tower," she said.

"I'd also like to thank our volunteer judges – City Treasurer Pam Kersey, Community Liaison Police Officer Tom Ellis, Ordinance Director Jean Watson, and Senior Center staff member Sylvia Dubisky – for their time and effort," she added.

Contest winners received participation certificates and gift cards, Morton said.

### Seniors Medal at Olympics

Romulus senior citizens brought home 11 medals from the Downriver Senior Olympics, held August 2–6.

Medalists included:

- Edna Bell (darts – bronze),
- Shirley Callahan (horseshoes – gold; soccer kick – gold),
- Paul Dorman (bowling – gold; Frisbee toss – gold),
- JoAnn Hewitt (bowling – gold),
- Eileen James (darts – gold; soccer kick – bronze), and
- Katherine McCraight (soccer kick – gold; darts – silver; softball throw – silver).

### Movie Day

The Romulus Senior Center will be showing the classic comedy *African Screams* (starring Abbott and Costello) on Friday, September 24, and *Francis the Talking Mule* (starring Donald O'Connor) on Friday, October 1. Both shows begin at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

### Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for only \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. ☐



Local residents who participated in the annual Downriver Senior Olympics last month included (from left) Mickey Durham, Paul Dorman, Helen Carroll, Katherine McCraight, Shirley Callahan, JoAnn Hewitt, Eileen James, Alice Gilbert, Sandy Bell, and Viola Willoughby.

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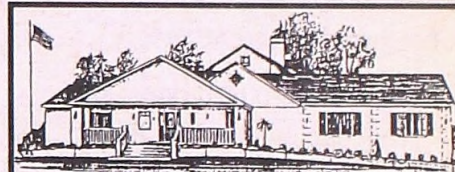
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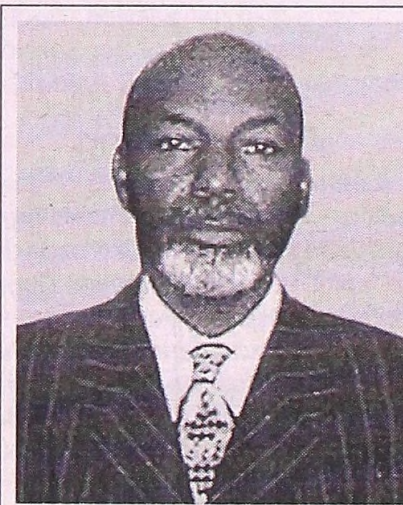
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# Obituaries

## Morton D. Mauney

Morton D. Mauney of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, August 24, 2004, at the age of 83.

Morton – born on Monday, August 15, 1921, in Ripley, Mississippi – was a U.S. Army veteran who proudly served his country in World War II. He loved to garden and enjoyed plowing driveways for his friends and neighbors during the wintertime. He was a very giving man who will be missed by all who knew him.

Morton was the beloved husband of Alfreda (Thomason) Mauney, his wife of 40 years, and the dear stepfather of Kem (Marty) Small (Romulus, MI).

He is also survived by 2 sisters, Etta

Craft (Belleville) and Francis Street (TN); 2 step-grandchildren, Dawn and Robert Smith; 2 step-great-grandchildren, Ashley and D.J. Mawby.

Among those who predeceased Morton were his parents, Hez and Martha (Richardson) Mauney, and a brother, Quenton Mauney.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 28, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Evangelist Vance H. Cobb (Church of Christ, Belleville) officiating. Interment was at Union-Udell Cemetery (Ypsilanti, MI).

Memorial contributions to the Mauney family would be greatly appreciated.

## Richard Milton Trosin

Richard Milton Trosin of New Baltimore, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, August 31, 2004, at the age of 81.

The native of Romulus, Michigan, was born on Tuesday, October 31, 1922.

Richard worked at the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge plant for 30 years before retiring. He served as a volunteer fireman – holding the rank of lieutenant from 1960 to 1973 – and also did volunteer work for the St. Aloysius Festival and the Wayne County Fair. His former hobbies included bowling and hunting.

Richard is survived by 2 sons, Theron N. Trosin (Lincoln Park, MI) and David D. (Teresa) Trosin (Lincoln Park); 5 daughters, Cynthia M. Trosin (Karl Emerick) (New Baltimore), Maryann

(Jerry) Orme (Romulus), Ann A. (Roy) Reeck (Taylor, MI), Margaret (Brad) Williams (Lawrenceville, GA), and Rose M. Quednau (Trenton, MI); 16 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Among those preceding him in death were his parents, Frederic and Cora (Huntley) Trosin, and a brother, Earl Trosin.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 4, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Timothy A. Ammon (Hope Baptist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes may be made to The Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter (Attention: Treasurer, 11111 S. Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174).

## Alice L. Vaughn

Alice L. Vaughn of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, August 23, 2004, at the age of 79.

Alice was born in Washington, D.C., on Friday, November 28, 1924.

Her hobbies included making crafts, baking, and sewing.

Surviving Alice are her husband, Charvel R. Vaughn; 4 sons, John T. (Joann) Seabolt (Lorton, VA), William (Kerry) Vaughn (Romulus), Jerry (April) Vaughn (Romulus), and Bryan Vaughn (Romulus); a daughter-in-law, Barbara Seabolt (Columbia, MO); 2 brothers, Wade Hurdle (Myrtle Beach, SC) and Gene Hurdle (Norton, VA); a sister, Teresa Young (Romulus); 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Predeceasing her were her parents, Horace and Edna Hurdle; a son, Edward Seabolt; 3 brothers, John, Horace, and Eddie Hurdle; a sister, Jeanette; and a granddaughter, Rachel Vaughn.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, August 26, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Bruce Haltom (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Garden (Livonia, MI). □

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